

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
Michigan Economic Snapshot
April 2007

MIDDLE CLASS INDEX

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	<u>Apr 9, '07</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>April, 2001</u>	<u>Percent Increase 2001-Today¹</u>
Avg. Retail Price Per Gallon Unleaded Gasoline	\$2.81	\$2.52	\$2.68	\$1.56	80%

CHILD CARE

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>
Avg. Monthly Fees for Child Care for an Infant	\$661	Avg. Monthly Fees for Child Care for Two Children \$1,179

K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>State Rank²</u>
Per Pupil Expenditures On Public Elementary and Secondary Education	\$9,072	15

HIGHER EDUCATION

	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>Percent Increase 2000-01 to 2006-07</u>
Avg. Four-Year Public College Tuition and Fees	\$6,189	\$4,277	45%
Avg. Four-Year Private College Tuition and Fees	\$13,253	\$10,325	28%

HEALTH INSURANCE

	<u>2006⁶</u>	<u>2005⁶</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Percent Increase 2001-2006</u>
Avg. Health Care Premium (Single)	\$4,608	\$4,278	\$3,918	\$3,671	\$3,250	\$2,961	56%
Avg. Health Care Premium (Family)	\$11,482	\$10,661	\$9,763	\$9,449	\$8,452	\$7,488	53%

HOUSING

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>		<u>2005 (Monthly)</u>
Existing Home Sales	182,400	208,100	213,400	Median Housing Costs for Homeowners With a Mortgage ³	\$1,213
Median Home Value		\$149,300		Median Housing Costs Homeowners Without a Mortgage ³	\$384

TAXES

Families Impacted by the AMT in 2006 ⁴	117,100
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JOBS INDEX

	<u>Feb '07</u>	<u>Jan '07</u>	<u>Dec '06</u>	<u>Three Month Change</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Change 2001-2006</u>
Unemployment rate	6.6%	6.9%	7.2%		6.9%	5.2%	
Total Non-Farm Private Employment (Jobs)	4,307,800	4,298,500	4,325,400	-17,600	4,341,725	4,561,267	-219,542
Construction	174,000	173,300	176,200	-2,200	180,517	206,008	-25,492
Manufacturing	633,600	623,100	630,900	2,700	648,467	819,542	-171,075
Financial, Insurance and Real Estate Services	215,000	214,900	215,100	-100	216,242	210,358	5,883
Professional and Business Services	589,700	590,700	593,300	-3,600	587,600	607,642	-20,042
Education and Health Services	589,500	588,600	590,700	-1,200	583,858	515,383	68,475
Leisure and Hospitality Services	407,100	403,900	407,600	-500	407,042	394,217	12,825
Government Services	660,600	663,900	664,200	-3,600	669,883	685,150	-15,267
New Claims for Unemployment Insurance	83,202	75,317	71,925	11277	946,815	1,102,601	-155,786
Mass Layoffs ⁵	6,507	7,914	22,842	-16335	127,964	196,459	-68,495

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INCOME

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2001</u>
Real Median Household Income (2005 Dollars)	\$45,933	\$49,678

HOUSING

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2001</u>		<u>Total Households</u>	<u>Percent of Households</u>
Homeownership Rate (2006, 2001)	77.4%	77.1%	Housing Costs Greater than 30 Percent of Income (2004)	1,128,300	29%
Mortgage Delinquency Rate	6.0%	4.9%	Housing Costs Greater than 50 Percent of Income (2004)	509,300	13%

POVERTY

BANKRUPTCY

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2001</u>		<u>2005</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Percent Change Since 2001</u>
Poverty Rate	12.0%	9.4%	Non-Business Bankruptcy Filings	88,386	46,135	92%
Child Poverty Rate	19.0%	15.0%				

SOCIAL SECURITY

	<u>Beneficiaries</u>	<u>Median Monthly Benefit</u>
Social Security (2005)	1,078,440	\$1,108

HEALTH INSURANCE

	<u>Total 2005</u>	<u>Percentage of Population</u>		<u>Total 2005</u>	<u>Percentage of Population</u>
Employer-Based Coverage	5,835,440	59%	Medicare Beneficiaries	1,231,810	12%
Uninsured	1,146,570	12%	Medicaid Beneficiaries	1,311,730	13%
Uninsured Children (Percentage of All Children)	159,730	6%			

Sources: The Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Kaiser Family Foundation, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census Data, Social Security Administration, Haver Financial Database, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, National Association of Realtors, AAA Fuel Gauge Report, Federal Highway Administration

¹ Data for 2001 for Regular Gasoline from Federal Highway Administration "Monthly Motor Fuel Reported by States -- Retail Prices of Motor Fuel", 2006 and 2007 data from AAA Fuel Gauge Report.

² The states are ranked from greatest (1) to least (51) expenditure per student, including DC.

³ From the American Community Survey by the Census Bureau "Median Selected Housing Costs" which includes: payments for mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts to purchase, or similar debts on the property; real estate taxes; fire, hazard, and flood insurance on the property; utilities; and fuels. It also includes, where appropriate, the monthly condominium fee for condominiums and mobile home costs (installment loan payments, personal property taxes, site rent, registration fees, and license fees).

⁴ Number of families that were ensnared by the Alternative Minimum Tax after the passing of legislation in Congress that provided a temporary measure to limit some of the AMT's impact on middle income households in FY 2006.

⁵ Number of initial unemployment claimants in layoff actions involving at least 50 employees from a single establishment.